

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR RESOLUTION NO. 170985

Establishing the City of Kansas City's legislative priorities and positions on matters that may come before the 115th United States Congress, 2nd Session, in 2018.

WHEREAS, the City desires to publish general statements of its priorities and positions on matters that may become the subject of or be affected by proposed federal legislation during the 2nd Session of the 115th United States Congress in 2018; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF KANSAS CITY:

Section 1. That the City adopts the following priorities and positions on matters that may come before the 115th United States Congress, 2nd Session, in 2018:

Finance and Governance

1. **Private Activity Bonds and Advanced Refunding Bonds.** Oppose legislation that would eliminate Private Activity Bonds or repeal Advanced Refunding Bonds. Private Activity Bonds are essential to a number of City infrastructure projects and expected to be a significant tool in financing the new KCI airport terminal approved by voters.
2. **Economic Development Incentives.** Oppose the elimination of state and local (SALT) tax deductions as proposed in the recent federal tax reform efforts.
3. **Municipal Bonds Tax Exemption.** Oppose the elimination of municipal bonds tax exemption.
4. **Market Place Fairness Act.** Support the Market Place Fairness Act which will allow state and local governments to require out-of-state retailers to collect and remit sales tax on purchases shipped to residents of those states.
5. **Remote Transactions Parity Act.** Support the Remote Transactions Parity Act (RTPA) of 2017 which updates the RTPA of 2015 and compels a retailer to collect taxes on remote sales based on the location of the consumer.

Infrastructure & Transportation

1. **U. S. Army Corps of Engineers Partnership Projects.** Support appropriations requests for U. S. Army Corps of Engineers Partnership Projects. Support requests of continued Federal funding in FY19 for flood risk management and water resources efforts for the following projects:
 - a. Kansas City's Levees - \$1,500,000.00 for Phase 1 Construction and \$1,000,000.00 for Phase 2 for Design;

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- b. Swope Park Industrial Area - \$16,000,000.00 funding to complete Construction; and
 - c. Construction and Investigations Programs - Support robust federal funding of flood risk management and water resources efforts through construction and investigations accounts.
2. **Continuing Authorities Program.** Support robust funding of the Continuing Authorities Program (CAP) to provide the means of small flood risk management and ecosystem restoration projects to move forward under the Congressional no earmark policy. Support increased annual funding of the CAP to at least \$85 million nationally to provide adequate funding for emergency streambank and shoreline protection to address bank instability at eight locations along the Blue River and allow Blue River Road to be safely reconstructed and reopened
3. **Water Residential Assistance Program.** Support the Water Residential Assistance Program (WRAP) and development of an assistance program for Water similar to LIHEAP for Energy to provide relief for low income households.
4. **Clean Water Affordability.** Support Clean Water Affordability Legislation to allow for extension of combined sewer overflow remediation timeframes, better computation of affordability, and more flexible permit requirements.
5. **Wet Weather Grant Program.** Support grant programs to reduce sewer overflows and municipal storm water.
6. **Integration Planning Framework.** Support legislation to allow for extension of compliance schedules for meeting water quality-based effluent limits beyond permit cycles.
7. **Water Infrastructure Financing and Innovation Act.** Support the permanent authorization of the Water Infrastructure Financing and Innovation Act (WIFIA). A new financing mechanism to help meet the nation's critical water infrastructure needs was introduced in 2014 by the Water Resources Reform and Development Act.
8. **Water Infrastructure Trust Fund.** Support the Water Infrastructure Trust Fund to augment federal investment in the Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Funds.
9. **Section 408.** Support the continuance of local or non-federal sponsors to operate under defined roles per federal regulations in 33 CFR 208.10 and monitor the Water Resources Reform and Development Act and other proposed regulations that would change these defined roles.

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10. **Missouri River Degradation Study.** Support publishing a report documenting the study results. This is crucial to the 18 stakeholders.
11. **Missouri River Basin.** Support the development of the Missouri Recovery Management Plan provided it is based on science and allows for full stakeholder input to the process while recognizing all other 8 authorized purposes and the current Master Manual, with flood control and navigation as primary purposes.
12. **Agency Rulemaking.** Support monitoring the progress of agency rulemaking based on the Federal Flood Risk Management Standard Implementation Guidelines published October 8, 2015 seeking clarification on its application and supporting processes for ongoing stakeholder involvement.
13. **Farm Bill.** Support early renewal of the Farm Bill with increased funding for conservation programs which reduce pollutants improving water quality in water bodies.
14. **Water Infrastructure Resiliency and Sustainability Act.** Support legislation for matching grants to communities for resiliency and climate adaptation infrastructure projects.
15. **Waters of the United States.** Support monitoring the Waters of the United States (WOTUS) Final Rule implementation progress and encourage EPA and Corps of Engineers to revisit the final rule using a more collaborative approach between EPA, Corps of Engineers and state and local officials.
16. **Buck O'Neil Bridge.** Support efforts to replace the Buck O'Neil Bridge.
17. **Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery Program.** Support the U.S. Department of Transportation's Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) program.

Neighborhoods & Healthy Communities

1. **Center for Disease Control Funding.** Support increasing the Center for Disease Control's total budget and appropriations for programs that impact local health departments or public health activities.
2. **Affordable Care Act and State Children's Health Insurance Program Funding.** Support the full funding of the Affordable Care Act and State Children's Health Insurance Program.
3. **Community Parks Revitalization (CPR) Act (H.R. 343).** Support innovative financing for our local parks and recreation infrastructure needs. The establishing and maintaining of urban parks helps to revitalize the community by increasing

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economic development opportunities, improving public health, increasing daily physical activity and providing healthy alternatives for at-risk youth.

4. **Personal Health Investment Today (PHIT) Act of 2017 (S 482).** Support the Personal Health Investment Today Act which will allow Americans to use Pre-Tax Medical Accounts to pay for physical activity expenses.

Public Safety

1. **Urban Areas Security Initiative Funding.** Support the restoration of funding from the Department of Homeland Security through the Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) for the public safety agencies in our bi-state metropolitan area to maintain regional capabilities to prevent terrorism and to respond promptly and effectively to both man-made and natural disasters.
2. **Immigration Reform.** Support extension of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program and comprehensive reform of current immigration laws to allow undocumented immigrants currently living in the United States to earn legal status and apply for citizenship.
3. **Anti-Violence Funding.** Support increased anti-violence funding for grants that will assist the Kansas City No Violence Alliance and the City's Aim4Peace Program and pursue funding for initiatives that will reduce violent crime in Kansas City.

Section 2. **OTHER ORGANIZATIONS' POSITIONS.** That the City supports the legislative positions adopted by the Economic Development Corporation of Kansas City, Missouri, Kansas City Industrial Council, Kansas City Health Commission, Mid-America Regional Council, Missouri and Associated Rivers Coalition, reStart, South Kansas City Alliance and VisitKC for matters that may come before the 115th United States Congress, 2nd Session, in 2018.



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